

is canceled when the in focus state is determined, and executes an auto-exposure when the first release operation is cancelled.

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19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the focusing section determines whether the first release operation is canceled when the in-focus state is determined, and determines whether a second release operation is performed when the first  
5 release operation is not cancelled.

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the focusing section executes an image pickup processing.

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